



Vacant Seat

Question:

We have a trustee position in a zone that was up for election. The current trustee chose not to seek re-election and no candidates declared by petition or by write-in. As the board clerk, what is my next step?

Answer:

After the deadline for write-in candidate have passed and there are still no candidates, we recommend declaring that the zone will be vacant as of January 1st when the current trustee's term ends. Once declared vacant, the board has 90 days to fill the seat from within the zone. If no one steps forward within that 90 day time frame, then the board can look outside the zone to see if anyone outside the zone would be willing to fill the seat. They have 30 days to do that. Finally, if that doesn't work, it is then forwarded to the County Commissioners who will appoint someone to the seat. Anyone appointed to fill the vacant seat would serve out the term.

Idaho Code 33-504